



# House of Representatives

## File No. 798

General Assembly

January Session, 2013

**(Reprint of File No. 158)**

Substitute House Bill No. 5149  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 13, 2013

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER  
PROTECTION TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY REGARDING HOME  
IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioner of Consumer  
2 Protection shall conduct a study regarding home improvement  
3 contractors registered pursuant to chapter 400 of the general statutes.

4 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
5 shall include, but not be limited to: (1) Whether home improvement  
6 contractors should be tested and licensed, instead of registered, by the  
7 Department of Consumer Protection, (2) what problems, if any, exist  
8 with the current system of registration of home improvement  
9 contractors, (3) a survey of how other states permit or license home  
10 improvement contractors, and (4) recommendations, if any, for  
11 improvement of the current system of registration of home  
12 improvement contractors in this state.

13 (c) Not later than July 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Consumer

14 Protection, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
15 shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to subsection  
16 (a) of this section to the joint standing committee of the General  
17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer  
18 protection and occupational licensing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	20,000	None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The study requires an extensive amount of research, including a survey of licensing practices of other states. Therefore the DCP would need to either hire a consultant or hire a durational employee at a cost of \$20,000 in FY 14 to carry out the study.

House "A" (LCO 5770) is technical and results in no fiscal impact.

**The Out Years**

None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5149 (as amended by House "A")**

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER PROTECTION TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY REGARDING HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS AND LANDSCAPERS.***

**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18      Nay 0      (03/12/2013)